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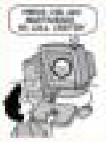
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Talking robot looks for friends on Internet



LONDON—GEORGE, who is 39, single and light-hearted, is looking for friends on the Internet. He has gifts—the ability to speak 40 languages and with 3,000 people at the same time.

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Hold your ground, Sabio tells other PCGG execs

By TJ Burgonio

"NO SURRENDER," CAMILO SABIO ADVISED HIS four fellow commissioners who are facing arrest for contempt of the Senate and are on the run.

From his detention room at the Senate clinic, the chair of the Presidential Commission on Good Government said it would be prudent for the other commissioners to "hold their ground" just as he

HOLD YOUR GROUND A6

RP slips in antigraft drive–World Bank

Good governance rank declines in last 8 years

By Doris C. Dumlao, Reporter

SINGAPORE—THE ABILITY OF THE PHILIPPINES TO IMprove its governance and curb corruption has faltered over the past eight years despite its vibrant democratic society and free press, according to a World Bank report.

The report, "Governance Matters 2006: Worldwide Governance Indicators," which covers 209 countries, painted a sobering picture of global trends in governance. It was launched on the sidelines of the joint International Monetary Fund-World Bank annual meetings here.

Drawn from the responses of more than 120,000 citizens, enterprises and experts provided by 25 different organizations worldwide, the report showed a sharp decline in the ranking of the Philippines in the control of corruption benchmark from 50.5 percent in 1998 to 37.4 percent in 2005.

The country's percentile rank means that it is better off than 37.4 percent of all other countries covered by the study based on the index for control of corruption, defined as the extent to which public power is exercised for private gain, including petty and grand forms of corruption and the "capture" of the state by elite and private interests.

In a recent visit to Manila, World Bank managing director Juan Jose Daboub said the Philippines, having one of the most "open" societies in the region with its vibrant private sector, lively civil society organizations and vigorous media,

RP SLIPS A6





PEÑAFRANCIA PROCESSION
Thousands of devotees join the fluvial procession for Our Lady of Peñafrancia (top photo), the patroness of Bicolandia, on the Naga River in Naga City in Camarines Sur. The event is one of the biggest tourist attractions in Bicol every year.



SADAKO Ogata: From UNHCR to leader of the world's biggest aid agency.

Raps poised against GMA in UN agency

By Blanche S. Rivera

ARMED WITH DEATH CERTIFICATES, the leader of a Filipino peasant group flew to Switzerland yesterday to file charges against the Philippine government as a human rights violator before a United Nations body.

Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas (KMP) secretary general Danilo Ramos left for Geneva on a trip his group said could embarrass President Macapagal-Arroyo internationally, as she headed home from her own foreign trip that has been touted by Malacañang as having brought immense benefits to the country.

In the complaint it is filing before the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), the KMP names Ms Arroyo, Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Hermogenes Esperon and retired Army Maj. Gen. Jovito Palparan as representatives of a government involved in murder, torture, illegal arrests and political persecu-

RAPS POISED A12

SC tells DENR: Justify Boracay order

By Philip C. Tubeza

THE SUPREME COURT HAS DIRECTED the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to justify the government order turning the world-famous island resort of Boracay into "forest and agricultural land."

Boracay resort owners and residents have warned that the government action was jeopardizing the island's P7-billion tourism industry.

In a resolution, the high court ordered the DENR to comment on the petition of Boracay residents asking the tribunal to nullify Presidential Proclamation No. 1064, which classifies lots on the island as "forest and agricultural land."

The proclamation would pave the way for the government to bid out prized Boracay lots even if there are resorts and other business establishments built on them.

"Acting on the special civil action for prohibition and mandamus ... the court resolved, without giving due course to the petition, to require the respondents to comment thereon within 10 days upon notice hereof," the Supreme Court said.

Boracay residents, led by Waling-Waling Beach Hotel owner Orlando Sacay,

SC TELLS A8

She bridges humanitarian, dev't aid gap

By Fernando del Mundo

SHE STEPPED ONTO THE WORLD scene at the end of the Cold War and the beginning of unprecedented civil conflicts and massive population displacements.

Hardly warm in her seat as newly appointed United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in her office overlooking picture-pretty Lake Geneva, Sadako Ogata immediately faced her first major test.

SPECIAL REPORT

Rebels had mounted an uprising that Saddam Hussein ruthlessly crushed, sending tens of thousands of Kurds fleeing for their lives in northern Iraq.

That first Gulf War was soon replicated elsewhere.

Large-scale ethnic strife, clan wars and civil conflicts erupted in the former Yugoslavia, in parts of Africa and Asia

SHE BRIDGES A12

US to step up antiterror training of RP troops



PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo is assisted by Filipino war veterans in a wreath-laying rite at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu.

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

HONOLULU (VIA PLDT)—PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo on Saturday received the assurance of the US military that it would step up the training of Filipino soldiers and upgrade the arsenal of the Armed Forces of the Philippines for its war on terrorism and the communist insurgency.

Defense Secretary Avelino Cruz Jr. said Ms Arroyo was assured of increased US military assistance during her meeting with Rear Adm. William VanMeter Alford Jr., chief of staff of the US Pacific Command (Pacom).

"The Philippine relationship with the US has matured and grown under my administration. The US Pacific Command, based here in Hawaii, has been a key partner in our comprehensive security cooperation activities," Ms Arroyo said after dedicating a plaque in memory of

US TO STEP UP A17

After trip, GMA legitimacy sinks in quicksand

By Amando Doronila

WHEN PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-Arroyo arrives today from her mainly European tour, she would have little to report on accomplishments. Domestically, she faces a country in worse turmoil than when she left it 13 days ago.

ANALYSIS

She will encounter confrontation with the Senate which has detained Camilo Sabio, chair of the Presidential Commission on Good Government (PCGG), for his arrogant noncooperation with the chamber in its inquiry into the alleged dissipation of the assets of government-sequestered corporations.

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BIR to get P815M to spy on tax cheats

THE GOVERNMENT IS ALLOCATING P815 MILlion for the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) to set up its own information systems that would serve as the "spyware and tripwire" against tax cheats once they are fully activated, a lawmaker said yesterday.

Increase in July unemployment negligible–DOLE

Andaya confirms pork barrel cuts

Gonzalez: No settlement in rape case



Bigger say in IMF sought





UN Security Council votes to hear Burma issue





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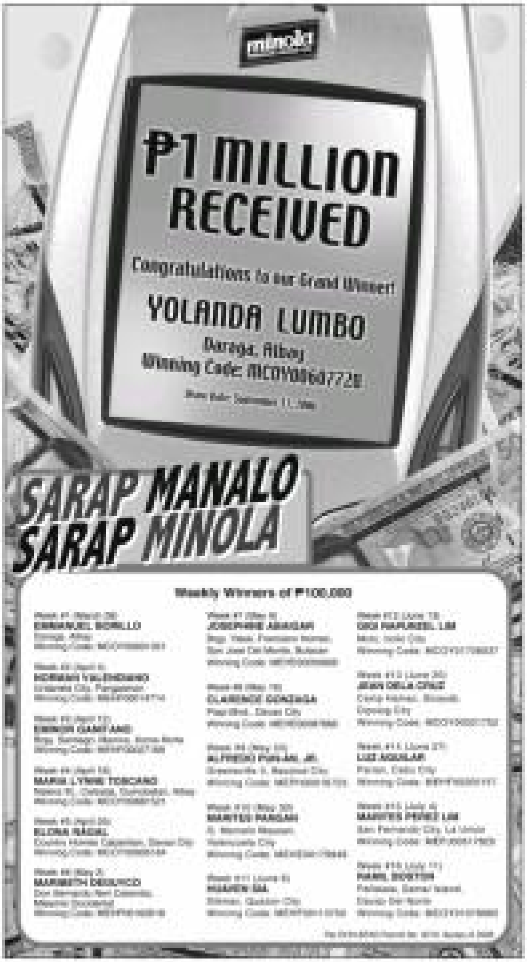
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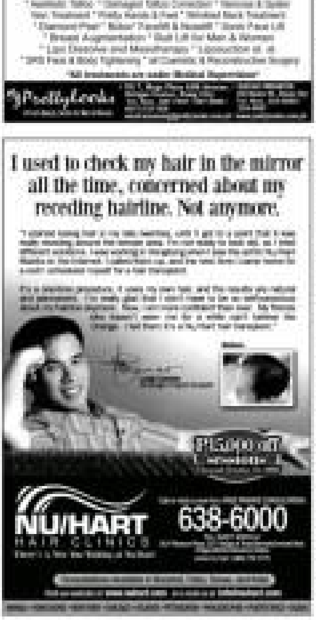
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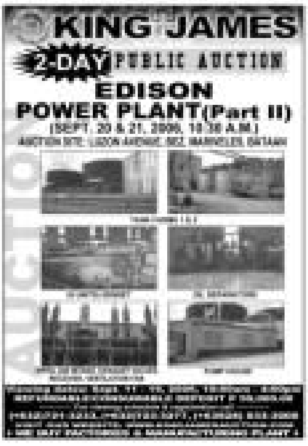


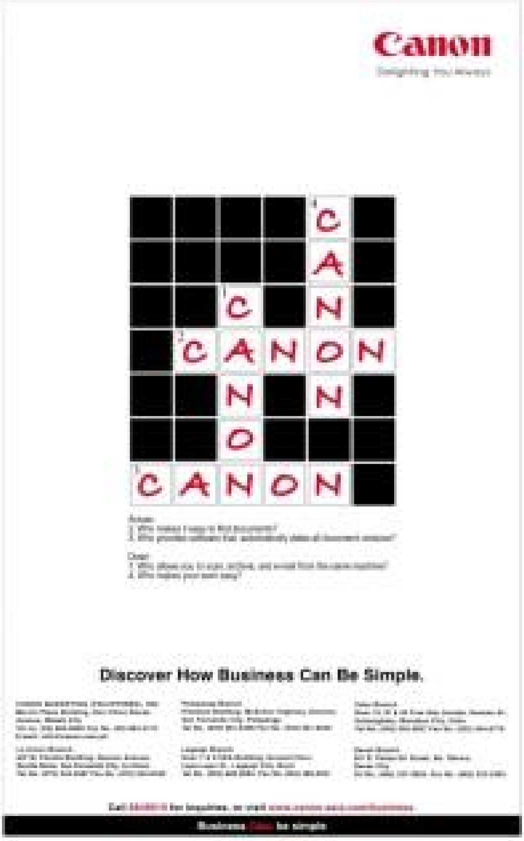












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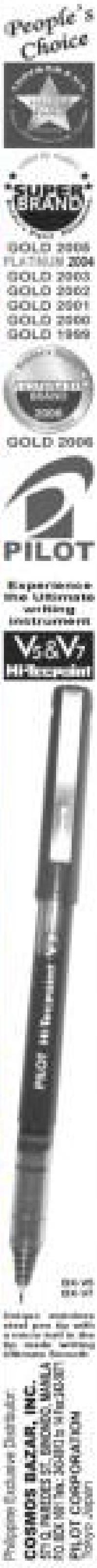

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Kris: Almost pregnant

DOH: Fewer dengue, meningo cases but more deaths this year

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Inability to treat

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Raps poised against GMA …

'No justice here'

Murder, torture

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Bridging gap by herself







Sept. 30 – cops' new deadline to kill 'jueteng'

By Alcuin Papa

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Nothing has changed

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Neal H. Cruz

Stop the killings!

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The second killing of murdered anti-corruption militants

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US to step up antiterror training of Philippine troops



PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo attends a ceremony honoring Filipino and US soldiers who died during World War II in the Philippines, at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu. AP

Strong allies

Solemn backdrop

Talking robot looks for friends on Internet

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Boracay resort owners assail GMA order in rally

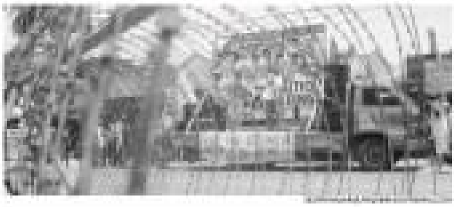
SC tells DENR: Justify Boracay order

Soldiers detain 3 leftists for 20 hours

By Tonette Orejas, Inquirer Central Luzon
and Delfin T. Mallari Jr., Inquirer Southern Luzon

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—THREE ANAKPAWIS MEMBERS IN Bulacan who were taken by Army soldiers without arrest warrants and held for 20 hours were released on Saturday night, the Bagong Alyansang Makabayan said, citing belated reports from relatives.

[illegible]



MILITANT groups start their five-day "Lakbayan" in Lucena City Sunday.

AIPO AND ASEAN MOVING TOGETHER TOWARD A SOUTHEAST ASIAN UNION

ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organization's Cebu Assembly is a breakthrough in region's march toward community



Dignitaries at the 27th General Assembly of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organization in Cebu City. From left: Samdech Heng Samrin, Cambodia; Thongsing Thammavong, Lao PDR; Datuk Lim Si Cheng, Malaysia; Raul del Mar, Philippines; Jose de Venecia, Philippines; Josefina Azarcon, Philippines; Abdullah Tarmugi, Singapore; Suchon Chaleekure, Thailand; Nguyen Phu Trong, Vietnam; Dr. Haji Kamaludin ibni Al-Marhum Pengiran Bendahara Pengiran Anak Haji Mohd. Yassin, Brunei; Dr. Tun Shin, Myanmar.

The ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organization (AIPO) and its mother-organization, ASEAN, are at last marching in step toward a "caring and sharing community."

Once just an impossible dream, one Southeast Asia is now an attainable goal. Both regional security threats and heightened global economic competition are driving the 10 ASEAN states toward closer union.

And ASEAN's architects—the Standing Committee of Foreign Ministers and the Leaders' Summit of Heads of Government—now recognize AIPO as the fountainhead of parliamentary and constituency support, which is crucial toward unifying Southeast Asia politically, economically and culturally.

Regular ASEAN-AIPO consultations

Future historians will mark 2006 as the breakthrough year for both ASEAN and AIPO—the moment when the strategic region of 550 million people and almost $980 billion in GDP began its epoch-making transformation.

The first formal consultation between ASEAN and AIPO took place this June. Foreign Minister Syed Hamid Albar of Malaysia—then chairman of the ASEAN Standing Committee—invited Speaker Jose de Venecia of the Philippines, as AIPO President, to Kuala Lumpur for an extensive briefing on AIPO's programs and initiatives.

The agreements reached there were far-reaching. Henceforth, the AIPO President and Chairman of the ASEAN Standing Committee will meet regularly. The ASEAN Leaders will also receive the AIPO President at their annual Summit; AIPO in turn will invite the Summit Chairman to address its yearly Assembly.

Moving toward community

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's address to AIPO on September 11 began to fulfill the ASEAN Leaders' commitment. It set the scene for ASEAN to emerge—in Mrs. Arroyo's words—"as a community that values the common good of the region, one that truly cares for the welfare of its peoples and its environment."

The new Chairman of the ASEAN Standing Committee, Philippine Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo, called for "greater regional cooperation and integration." And he vowed that the ASEAN leaders' sense of purpose would not falter. "We commit ourselves to usher the region toward one ASEAN Community."

The sense of a breakthrough achieved in regional relations pervaded the Opening Statements of AIPO's parliamentary delegations.

Community is an "imperative"

Speaker de Venecia declared that Southeast Asia's movement toward community "has become not just an ideal but an imperative." And in this movement toward unity, he added, AIPO will have a crucial role "because only AIPO can provide the parliamentary and constituency support for ASEAN's vision . . ."

De Venecia's own central role in the march toward ASEAN community elicited a glowing tribute from his colleagues. Antonio Cuenco, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Philippine House of Representatives, who called de Venecia "one of the region's paramount leaders and foremost visionaries."

A guest of honor from the European Parliament, Hartmut Nassauer, expressed his institution's steadfast support for Speaker de Venecia's proposals to strengthen parliamentarism and inter-parliamentary unity "from the very beginning."

The President of the Thai Senate, the Honorable Suchon Chaleekure, saw in the ASEAN-AIPO linkage a welcome willingness by the region's executive and legislative branches to "leverage their cooperation and coordination to find a common path and to work together for the integration of the region."

A closely-integrated AIPO "should be able to provide concrete contribution to help achieve the establishment of an ASEAN Community . . ." added the Honorable Agung Laksono, Speaker of Indonesia's House of Representatives.

Reflecting the views of ASEAN's peoples

Speaker Abdullah Tarmugi of the Singapore Parliament noted that the ASEAN-AIPO platform "dovetails with ASEAN's broader goals of diminishing the distance between citizens and officials," and that AIPO can genuinely "reflect the views and aspirations of ASEAN citizens."

The other heads of delegation—the Honorable Thongsing Thammavong, Speaker of the Lao PDR National Assembly; the Honorable Nguyen Phu Trong, President of the Vietnam National Assembly; the Honorable YB Datuk Lim Si Cheng, Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of Malaysia; Samdech Heng Samrin, Speaker of the Parliament of Cambodia; and the Honorable Antonio Cuenco of the Philippine House of Representatives—all endorsed initiatives to strengthen ASEAN-AIPO links, and to align the executive and legislative branches of the Southeast Asian governments toward the common vision of building one ASEAN Community.

The Honorable Ong Keng Yong, Secretary-General of ASEAN, pointed out that, in many ways, AIPO's development as an organization of 'people's representatives' has run parallel with ASEAN's own progress; and that "the contributions of ASEAN parliamentarians toward regional integration have helped shape ASEAN into a cohesive regional entity held as an example worldwide."

A common path has been laid

Thus a common path has been laid.

Now there is no turning back from the consensus reached at the 27th AIPO General Assembly: to move decisively toward an ASEAN community which is united politically, economically and culturally; and to move AIPO toward the next step of its evolution, which is to become an effective regional legislative institution—the core and nucleus of an eventual ASEAN Parliament.



Guimaras mayor warns of disastrous effects of no-fishing declaration

6th police director in 2 years

MILF calls on Muslims, 'lumad' to unite to defend 'homeland'

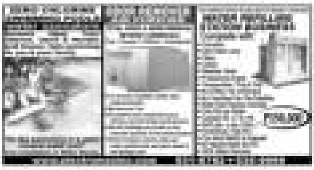




Bobol model cited for insurgency defeat

Dumaguete folk call for end to 'tide of deaths'





ROUNDUP

Historical marker in Sorsogon

2 cops wounded in shootout

Robbers kill 2 brothers

Labor leader shot dead

Wanted man killed

Lightning kills 3 in Bohol

NEWS

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Police, military on alert after Thai blasts

By Alcuin Papa

Aplus Metro



LITTLE MORE TO THE RIGHT
Workers of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority use a truck to move a tree to a new spot on Bonifacio Drive in Port Area, Manila. The MMDA has been realigning trees in the middle of the island as part of a beautifying campaign.

Showdown at ISM today

Parents to hold assembly to elect interim board

By Monica Feria

One list of candidates

Majority of votes

Student loses life, bag to two thieves

By DJ Yap

Police release sketches of Taguig slay suspects



EIGHT-LEGGED COLLECTION





PATTERNED after the Mercy Wall in Lourdes, France, a Jubilee Wall will rise in Quiapo where followers of the Black Nazarene can post messages, for a fee, as proof of their faith and devotion. Present during the launching of the project last week were (from left) Sen. Alfredo Lim, Socorro Madrigal, former Ambassador Antonio Cabangon Chua and Monsignor Josefino Ramirez. [illegible]

'Jubilee Wall' to rise in Quiapo

By Leila B. Salaverria

FOLLOWERS OF THE BLACK NAZARENE CAN now personalize their devotion to the image on a wall near Quiapo Church.

In celebration of the statue's 400th year at the Minor Basilica of the Black Nazarene, church officials have decided to put up a Jubilee Wall where—in exchange for a fee—devotees can inscribe their names or messages to show their faith and gratitude to the image.

In his homily last Friday, Monsignor Josefino Ramirez noted that followers of the Black Nazarene keep returning to Quiapo Church year after year. He added that though some of them may even move to far away places, they still find a way to sponsor Masses to show their devotion to the image.

"We will write on the Jubilee Wall the names of devotees who want to express their thanks for the goodness of the Black Nazarene," Ramirez said.

[illegible], a devotee of the Black Nazarene who helped conceptualize the project, said that having people's names on the wall would be a testament to their faith.

"A way of immortalizing your devotion is by having your name somewhere in the church," he added.

The Jubilee Wall will be put up on the Jaime Cardinal Sin building adjacent to the church. The building houses the Black Nazarene image, the image used in the yearly procession during the January feast day.

It will cover the stretch from the entrance portal, all the way to the [illegible] area.

One size only

Devotees will be charged fees ranging from P400 to P12,000. The size of the letters, however, will remain the same, regardless of the fee charged, said [illegible]. The message or name of the devotee will be engraved in brass and placed against a red background.

[illegible], a member of the organizing committee, said they hope to raise as much as P50 million from the Jubilee Wall. The money will be used for the church feeding programs as well as other projects, including the promotion of the 400-year-old statue, believed to be miraculous.

One of the devotees who believe in the miraculous powers of the Black Nazarene is Socorro Madrigal, whose late father Don Antonio Madrigal, a prominent businessman, was a long-time follower.

Madrigal said her father never failed to attend Mass at Quiapo Church, in heat or rain, or even if he was not feeling well. Don Antonio passed away five months ago.

"Daddy derived his strength from his faith in the Black Nazarene," she recalled.

Madrigal added that her father never failed to thank the Black Nazarene for his blessings.

Don Antonio also quietly helped people in the Quiapo community, sending them to school or giving them aid.

Former Ambassador Antonio Cabangon Chua also said that when his mother was sick and was given only six months to live, he prayed to the Black Nazarene. His mother went on to live for [illegible] more years.

The Black Nazarene arrived in the Philippines in 1606 from Spain.

Did you know

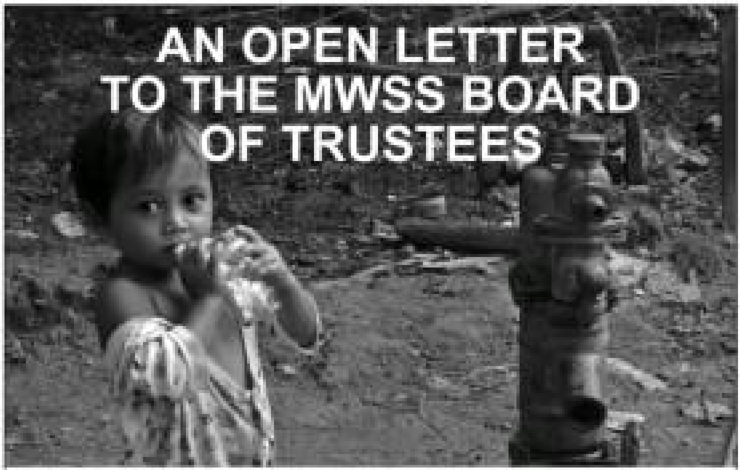


SAN AGUSTIN CHURCH IN Intramuros, Manila, which was built in the early 1600s, is the oldest stone church in the metropolis. It is also included in the World Heritage list of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

The remains of Miguel Lopez de Legazpi, the first Spanish governor-general of the Philippines, are in San Agustin Church. His bones, however, are mixed up with the remains of his grandson and other unidentified persons. After British soldiers searching for treasure in 1762 [illegible] his tomb, along with that of other people, Augustinian fathers could not tell the bones apart. In the end, they decided to put all the remains in a single tomb. *Cyril L. Bocobo*, Inquirer Research



Paper, crayons help child victims overcome trauma



AN OPEN LETTER TO THE MWSS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

This pertains to the bidding for the 300 MLD Treated Bulk Water Supply BOT Project for which MWSS has pre-qualified four (4) bidders, namely: Kintech Technology, Inc. (Taiwan), Ranhill Utilities Berhad (Malaysia), Sierra Madre Group (Philippines) and MKO Consortium (Philippines).

Based on available information, Kintech seems to have failed to disclose material facts which may have resulted in its inadvertent inclusion in the list of pre-qualified bidders.

Are the MWSS Trustees aware of the following:

1. Kintech recently built two (2) major plants for Taiwan Water Company (TWC) which, up to now, have not passed performance test runs. These are the Kaotan and Wongkong-yuan Plants, both located in Kaoshiung, Taiwan.
2. These two (2) plants have a combined total project cost of approximately NT$960 million which is equivalent to only US$30 million, in violation of the MWSS pre-qualification norm of total cumulative projects in the past ten (10) years of US$100 million with one (1) project being at least US$30 million in value.
3. These two (2) plants were physically completed in 2003 but failed their test runs in 2004 on both quantity and quality of water.
4. After prolonged explanations, negotiations and rectifications, these plants failed for the 2nd time the required test runs in 2005.
5. As a result of these two (2) failed tests and substantial delays, TWC sent a letter of termination to Kintech demanding the return of all amounts paid in the meantime to Kintech.
6. However, for whatever reasons, Kintech managed to temporarily set aside TWC's letter of termination and instead agreed to submit the dispute to arbitration with the Public Works Commission.
7. Based on arbitration results, Kintech was given one last chance to rectify these two (2) non-performing water plants up to 2007 and submit to a 3rd final make-or-break performance test soon thereafter. This is more than five (5) years from contract signing date and more than three (3) years from physical completion date of the two (2) water projects built by Kintech.

This situation now brings up several questions:

1. Were the above matters adequately disclosed in Kintech's submitted pre-qualification documents last October 20, 2005, the deadline for such requirements?
2. What kind of certificates of completion and acceptance did Kintech submit to MWSS as part of pre-qualification requirements on these two (2) failed plants?
3. All prospective bidders were instructed to sign and submit the Authorization to Verify Information on October 20, 2005. What did MWSS do with this authorization during the intervening evaluation period of nine (9) months until August 11, 2006, when it announced the pre-qualification of Kintech?
4. With the above track record of failed performance tests and project start-up delays, how could MWSS count on Kintech to speedily build, commission and operate the 300 MLD Bulk Water Project in order to avert an impending water crisis for Metro Manila?

The MWSS Trustees can still correct this oversight. We hereby request them to do so before it is too late.

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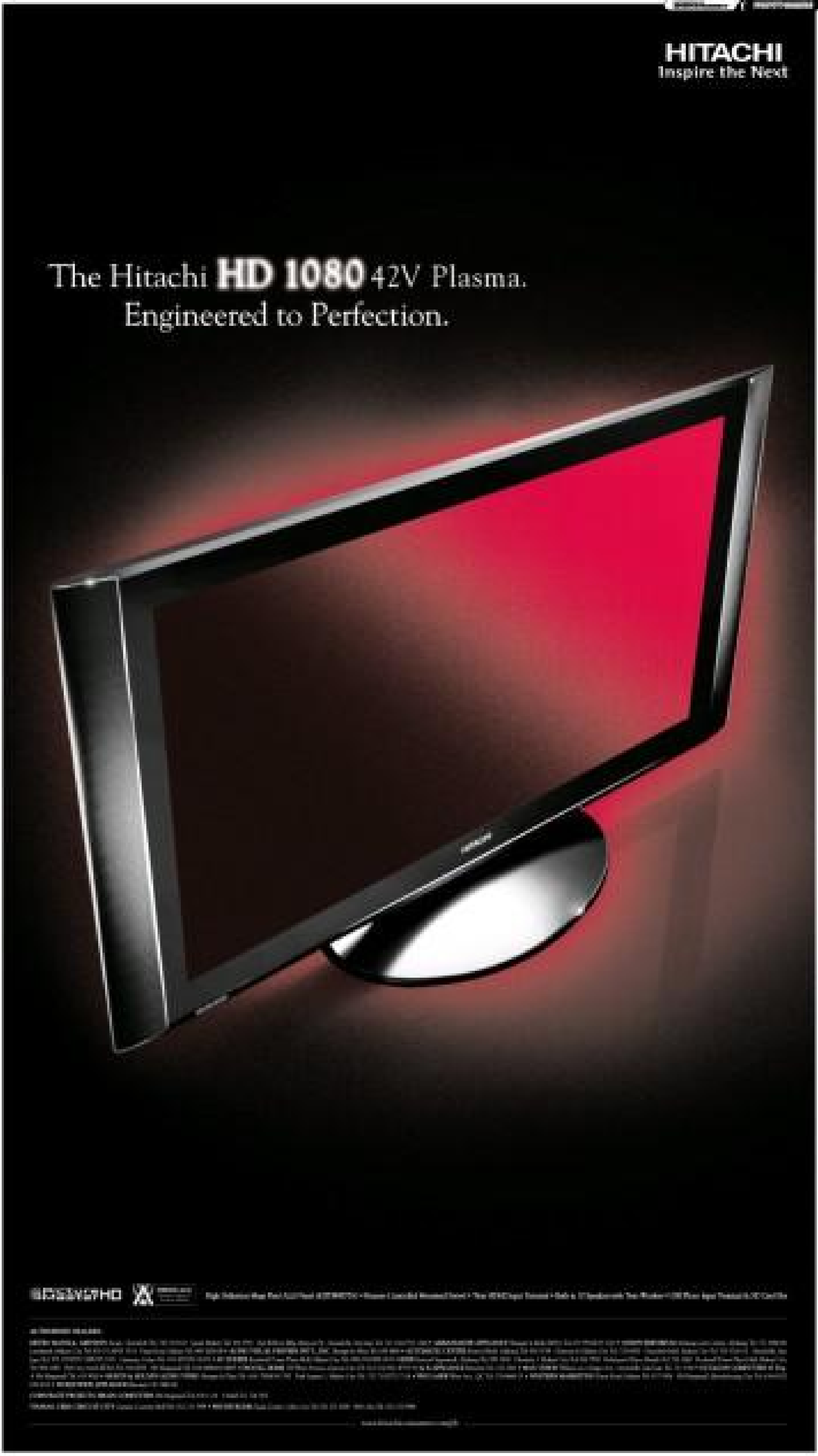
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VATICAN CITY—Pope BENEDICT XVI'S STATEment that he regretted causing any offense to Muslims fell short of an apology, Islamic groups said, as Morocco became the first Muslim country to recall its Vatican ambassador over the Pope's remarks.





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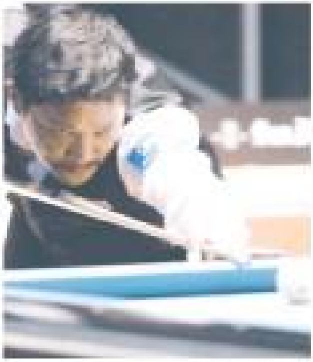
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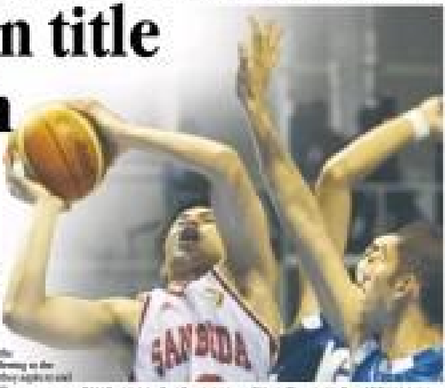
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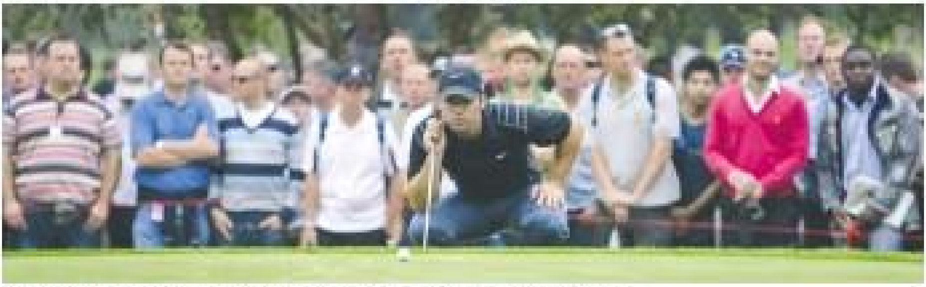


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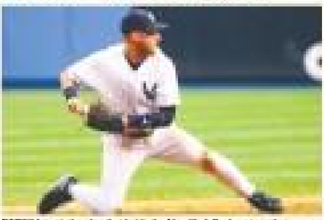
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‘Boring’ Barrera retains crown

LAS VEGAS—MARCO Antonio Barrera knew what Rocky Juarez didn't at the conclusion of their close match four months ago. He knew the real Barrera was not in Los Angeles that night.



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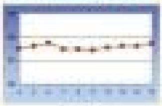
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INTERNATIONAL RATINGS FIRM STANDARD & POOR'S has acknowledged strides in the Philippines' economic environment, hinting at a possible upgrade of the outlook or credit rating for the country if reforms continued to pull the debt level down.

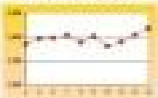
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From rice to wood: Tale of a successful woodcarver



BANAUE carvers specialize in animal, Native American and kitchen utensil designs.

Text and photos by EV Espiritu
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TUBA, BENGUET—Victor Bumanghat, 47, only finished Grade 1 due to extreme poverty that he and his family underwent in their hometown of Banaue in Ifugao.

More often than not, the piece of land the family owned in the payoh (rice terraces), yielded only 15 tuods of palay (equivalent to two cavans of milled rice)—barely enough to feed a brood of 10 children.

Members of his family turned to eating kamoteng kahoy or kamoteng baging (sweet potato) every day to sustain them.

At 15, Bumanghat, who by then had honed his skills as an ag-pappat (woodcarver), decided to leave Banaue and try his luck in other places to help provide for his family.

He learned woodcarving from his father, a farmer who dabbles in carving when he is not working in the payoh.

His search for a better life brought him to Tuba village here in the 1970s. At that time, nearby Baguio was a flourishing tourist resort where wood products and native crafts from Ifugao were traded.



A WOODCARVER hard at work—one of many now answering the huge demand for "Hawaiian Tiki" designs that are exported to Hawaii.

Bumanghat found employment as an extra hand in one of the woodcarving shops that then lined along Km 3 to Km 6 of Asin Road.

Hard work and perseverance enabled Bumanghat to finally put rice back on his family's dining table. Later, he put up his own woodcarving store where his skilled hands created pieces that proudly reflected his Ifugao heritage and culture.

He met his wife in Asin and raised his children in the community of woodcarvers here. His earnings supported the education of his three children, two of whom had finished college while the youngest is in high school.

Bumanghat, who could barely read and write, said his two children taught him to write a few Roman letters and to understand a few English words and phrases.

Bumanghat is only one of many skilled woodcarvers in Ifugao who found a better life in Asin. Most of them, especially those from the village of Hapao in Ifugao, were forced by poverty to leave their communities.

Martin Bantiw, 41, owner of Mountain's Handicrafts, says his ancestors were forced to leave Ifugao when Japanese soldiers set up a garrison there during World War II.



A WOMAN shows the difference between the Piano (left) and Ifugao (right) horse designs. The Ifugao carving happens to be more slenderly shaped.

The Japanese, she says, destroyed their payoh and butchered their farm animals so many of them left and established communities in Asin, in Camp 7 along Kennon Road and in Sablan town.

When they settled in the outskirts of Baguio, the Ifugaos brought along their skills in woodcarving, which made Asin Road a popular tourist attraction.

The pioneers of the trade here in the 1950s created wooden utensils like spoons, plates, bowls, and shields and spears that were snapped up by tourists. Americans living in the city also supported the trade as they gave the woodcarvers ideas on various designs that included deities, animal and human figures, and religious items. Some carvings were also noticed as furniture pieces.

But the industry faced a difficult problem in the 1970s when trees that they used in the business started to dwindle in the area. This started another wave of migration that saw Ifugao woodcarvers leaving for Olongapo City, Aurora and Quezon, where kamagong was abundant. Some settled in Nueva Vizcaya and Isabela, where narra could be sourced.

In the 1980s, many skilled carvers went to the United States, the United Kingdom, the Middle East and Japan where they found employment as kitchen staff of various hotels and restaurants.

There they found another use for their skills, as they once again used their hands in carving vegetables and ice that became centerpieces in various events abroad.



VICTOR Bumanghat starts work early in the morning, carving up wood in his stall along Asin Road in Tuba, Benguet.



PHILIPPINE wood products go to select restaurants and resorts in Hawaii.

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Wish list for directors

Corporate Securities Info
Raul Palabrica

WHEN THE SECURITIES AND Exchange Commission issued the Code of Corporate Governance in 2002, it was aware that enforcing compliance with its provisions is not going to be easy.

Good corporate governance requires a paradigm shift for business executives who are used to having their way with the least interference from the stockholders.

What was previously assumed about the directors' duties and responsibilities are spelled out in the Code.

It states that the mandate of the director(s) is "foster the long-term success of the corporation and secure its sustained competitiveness in a manner consistent with its fiduciary responsibility."

Duties and responsibilities

The directors have seven specific duties and responsibilities.

At the top of the list is the obligation to "conduct his business transactions with the corporation and to ensure that personal interest does not bias board decisions."

A director is elected to protect and promote the interests of the corporation and its shareholders, not his own or his family's. If he finds himself in a conflict of interest situation, he should disclose it immediately and refrain from participating in the decision making process.

The Code also requires directors "to devote time and attention necessary to properly discharge his duties and responsibilities."

What's the point of electing a director, no matter how brilliant he may be, if he cannot attend board meetings and contribute his expertise in the formulation of the company's programs.

Additionally, the Code imposes on the directors the obligation to exercise independent judgment in the deliberations of the board.

Aware of the "don't rock the boat" mentality in our society, the Code admonishes directors to "not be afraid to take a position even though it might be unpopular." He is expected, however, to support plans and ideas that are beneficial to the corporation.

Committees

"To assist the objectives of transparency and accountability, the Code requires the creation of an audit committee to oversee corporate operations.

This committee shall consist of at least three directors, preferably with accounting and finance background, one of whom must be an independent director and another should have audit experience.

Considered pivotal to good corporate governance, the committee is tasked with providing "oversight over senior management's activities in managing credit, market, liquidity, operational, legal and other risks of the corporation."

It shall also supervise the activities of the company's internal and external auditors, and this includes the periodic review of its financial statements and internal control procedures.

Depending on the particular needs of the corporation, the Code encourages the creation of nomination and compensation committees.

The nomination committee can review and evaluate the qualifications of the people nominated for board membership or to positions whose appointments require board approval.

The compensation committee, on the other hand, can exercise oversight functions over the remuneration of senior management and other key personnel to make sure they conform to the corporation's culture, strategy and environment.

Rounding up the rules on corporate governance are the provisions on the board's duty to respect the rights of the stockholders, in particular, those of the minority stockholders.

Of the six rights mentioned, the following rights may be considered critical: to vote, to information and to dividends.

Stockholders

The right of the stockholders to elect and replace directors is an essential attribute of stock ownership, but there's a caveat in the exercise of this right.

While stockholders can remove directors with or without cause, that power cannot be invoked if it will result in the ouster of directors who were elected as a result of cumulative voting by minority stockholders.

The stockholder's right to information cannot be ignored. Under the Code, for example, upon a stockholder's request, the corporation has to provide him "with periodic reports which disclose personal and professional information about the directors and officers."

On the matter of dividends, the Code reiterates the stockholder's right to enjoy the fruits of his investment.

This right can be withheld only if justified by definite expansion projects, or when a loan agreement by the corporation bars the dividends grant without the creditor's consent and the latter does not give it, or there are special circumstances that require holding back on the dividends.

No doubt, the provisions of the Code are tough. They have to because they cover companies that sell securities that promise hefty financial returns in the future. And only a piece of paper and the name of its issuer back their commitment.

A complete copy of the Code is available in the SEC website, < www.sec.gov.ph >

(For feedback, please write to <rpalabrica@inquirer.com.ph>.)



Drive for mobile-TV, music hits games market

HELSINKI—THE EUROPEAN MOBILE PHONE games market is coping with its first slowdown as telecom carriers shift advertising spending to mobile television or digital music and operators struggle to attract new devices.

The $410 million European market is still growing but the pace is slackening with some analysts blaming the slowdown on the difficulty of reaching out to a wider audience.

Operators are also increasing the pressure on games makers by cutting the number of publishers they deal with and asking for greater participation in marketing costs—both moves which are pushing smaller players out of business.

An increasing number of handset models and rising costs are also pushing many games publishers to merge.

Informa researchers forecast a rise of 33 percent in market size in 2006—a healthy increase for many sectors but a slowdown in this early-phase industry which more than doubled annually in 2004 and 2005.

Most industry executives are more cautious than Informa, with the most ambitious putting growth forecasts at 50 percent.

"The European market will grow some 30-40 percent—that's the number we hear from operators," said Rikke Rasmussen, head of European operations at US firm Digital Chocolate.

"The mobile games market is not a mature market that is in decline. Instead, it's an early stage market that is having growing pains as it tries to break into the mass market," said Informa analyst Chris Collman.

Small screens and limited computing power mean there have been mobile phone games for years, but customers have proved eager to have them, either already on their new phones or to download.

However, mobile television and digital music—seen as potential big money spinners—could eat into this market share.

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Biggest cold baby rises in Sto. Tomas

Cold chain makes long-distance storage, distribution possible



Cold storage facilities

Blast freezers

Top choice

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Remote Bohol school. . .

INFOTECH

Remote Bohol school harnesses sun for Internet access

By Alexander Villafania
Contributor

CEBU CITY—NOT MANY FILIPINOS are familiar with the sleepy town of Cabilao in Bohol, but foreign diving enthusiasts know the place for its pristine dive spots. But while divers flocking to Cabilao, the town's 3,500 residents still subsist on fishing and farming. Likewise, the town is so remote even basic utilities are almost unavailable. For instance, its gas-powered generator provides electricity for roughly four hours in the evening.

Regardless, this town has one other thing to be proud of other than its beaches and dive sites. The town's only school, the Cabilao National High School, has computers connected wirelessly to the Internet. Where do they get the energy? Renewable power from the sun.

Nieto Garcia is the proud principal of CNHS and they were the first recipient of a pilot test by two German institutions, the German Development Service and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit, to create the country's first wireless independent-powered high school computer laboratory in the Philippines.

The project's goal is to see how a very isolated area in the Philippines could get access to computers and to the Internet. In 2004, the 450 students of CNHS were able to use computers for the very first time and were connected to the Internet via satellite.

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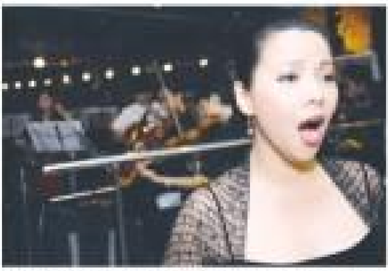
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SOPRANO Rachelle Gerodias with the UST Symphony Orchestra performs an excerpt from the opera during the press conference.

The UST Conservatory of Music has chosen Tchaikovsky's very demanding 'Eugene Onegin' to stage in order to present opera in its 'purest form' to Filipinos



UST MUSIC Dean Raul Sunico: "'Eugene Onegin' entails an enormous number of talents, and maximum participation of singers and musicians."

Ground-breaking opera opens Sept. 29

By Amadis Ma. Guerrero
Contributor

THE DASHING ALEXANDER Pushkin (1799-1837) was killed in a duel defending his honor, for he believed a young French aristocrat, Georges d'Anthes, was having an affair with his wife, who was a great beauty and a flirt. Pushkin is, without a doubt, Russia's greatest poet.

Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893) agonized over his homosexuality, went through the motions of a disastrous marriage, was befriended (and later rejected) by a wealthy benefactress in a poignant, platonic relationship, and died of cholera after drinking polluted water.

Tchaikovsky, a melodic genius, is arguably Russia's greatest composer. He composed the opera "Eugene Onegin" (the e is pronounced as ö), based on a long narrative poem which is Pushkin's masterpiece.

"Eugene Onegin" is a story of unfulfilled love set amid the aristocratic circles of Czarist Russia. It focuses on Tatyana who is madly in love with the fashionable Eugene, who rejects her. Years later, however, Eugene realizes he really loves Tatyana. But she is now married and no longer interested in him.

To celebrate its 400th founding anniversary, the University of Santo Tomas (UST) Conservatory of Music is staging "Eugene Onegin" at the Cultural Center of the Philippines at the end of the month. It is a ground-breaking, full-length, big-budget, slam-bang production, with a slew of formidable talents in the performing arts pitching in.

Biggest music school

The UST Conservatory of Music was founded in 1946 by Fr. Gregorio García, O.P. Renowned singer-voice teacher Irma Potenciano, the noted soprano, was a voice student under Salvacion Oppus-Yñiguez in 1956, and she has fond memories of the conservatory.

"The conservatory was just a quonset hut then beside the Architecture building along Governor Forbes St. (now Arsenio Lacson Street)," she recalls. "UST was segregated then, there were stairways for the male and for the female students. Now they're smooching in the corridors! In my batch were Sylvia la Torre, Conching Rosal, Gloria Concord, Erlinda Asuncion... Some went abroad."

Potenciano, [illegible], adds: "Even then, the conservatory was making a name for itself." That reputation grew, the facilities and the student body expanded, until the conservatory is now the biggest school of its kind in the Philippines and probably in Asia with over 800 students and some 80 faculty members.

UST Conservatory alumni have included Bernardino Custodio, Sergio Esmilla Jr., National Artist Antonino Buenaventura, Reynaldo Fule and—the present dean—Raul Sunico, the concert pianist and mathematician.

Pure opera

In a recent press conference at the

GROUND-BREAKING C2





BARITONE Andrew Fernando (above); Coro Tomasino and the UST Opera Chorus (left)

Ground-breaking opera opens Sept. 29



CONCHING Rosal



SYLVIA la Torre



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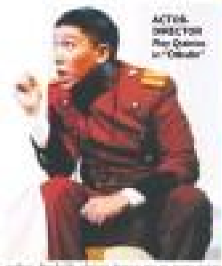
Phalanx of soloists

Directing

By Pablo A. Tariman

g an opera

'Just listening to the heart-tuggingly beautiful music of "Eugene Onegin" is compensation enough'



Dulaang UP's 'Shock Value' goes on extended run







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Lydia Velasco and her daughters and grandkids have become an art clan



Three generations

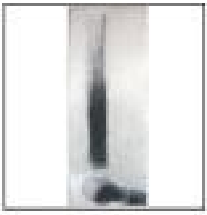
LYDIA VELASCO AND HER two daughters and three young grandchildren have become a clan of artists. Their first family exhibit is "Salinlahi," mounted by ArtAsia (Artwalk, 4/L, Bldg. A, SM Megamall, until Sept. 30).

Impy, Lao and Sanchez at Avellana

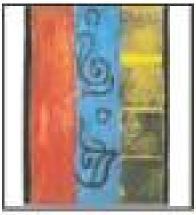


"SPARK," by Impy Pilapil

OPENING TODAY IN AVELLANA ART Gallery are three shows from some of the country's best artists.



"HEAD and Zen," by Lao Lianben



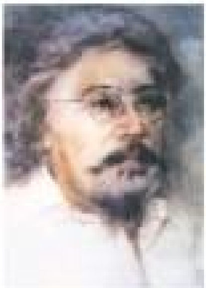
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Edwin Sion, portrait artist

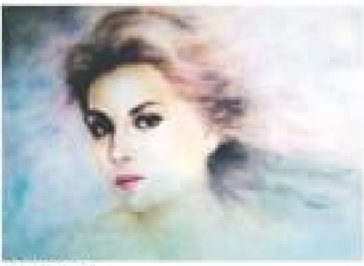


ARTIST Edwin Sion

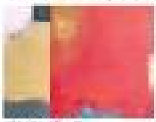
FORMER PRESIDENT CORAZON Aquino declared his work her favorite. "With its unobtrusive, disciplined lines... Edwin really made me look beautiful," she said.

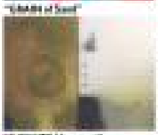






Magno's 'Rock of Ages'

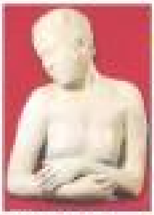




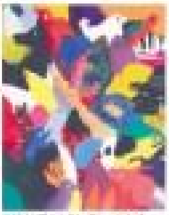




"SPARKLING Vision," by Joshua Ramon Cruz

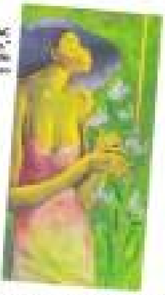


"LEA," by Chie Cruz

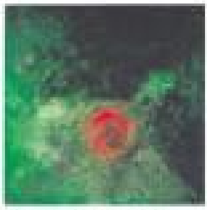


"NOAH'S Ark," by Trina de la Cruz

Three generations



"LILAC Rhapsody," by Lydia Velasco



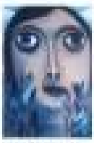
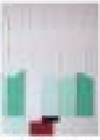
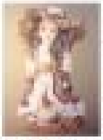
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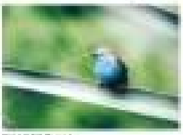
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Barrioquinto at West

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Zubiri photos at One Workshop

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BY MIGS Zubiri



STONEWARS by Hanna Pettyjohn

Hanna Pettyjohn at Finale

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Eduardo Castrillo at UST Museum

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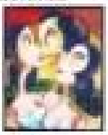
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Australian artist at De las Islas

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"SECRETS of the Mother," by Mark Shulddham



"PAGKUBAN," by Bert Agpoa

Agpoa at Ayala

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"WHITE Blooms in a Wheelbarrow," by William Alcantara

Alcantara at Power Plant

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Ingco, Yoshi at Astro

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GERARDO Ingco and Shinsuke Yoshi

WILFREDO OFFEMARIA

An artist in his element

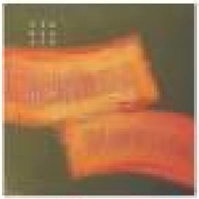
Wilfredo Offemaria's art is countrified but very sophisticated

By Lia B. Zabala





"FROZEN Fire"



"CRADLE of Fire"





"ELEMENTS"

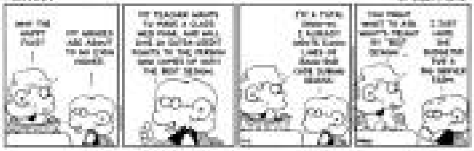
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Is the National Artist ready for the spotlight?

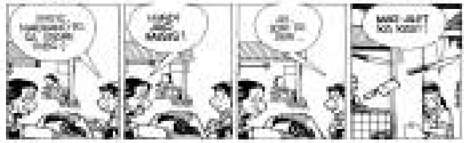
Gantimpala Theater has dedicated itself to keeping alive the legacy of our National Artists Nick Joaquin, F. Sionil Jose, Wilfrido Ma. Guerrero, Severino Montano and Alejandro Roces

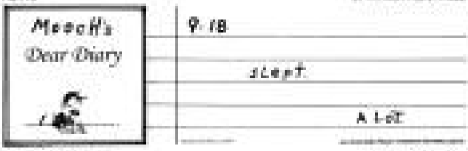




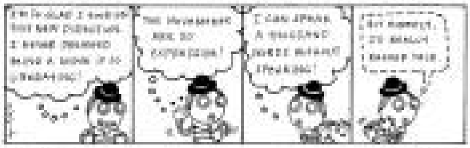


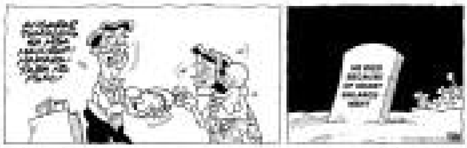


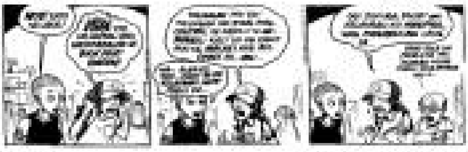


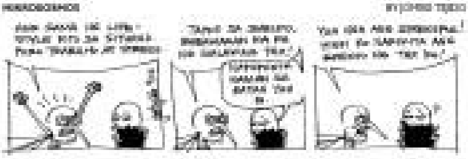


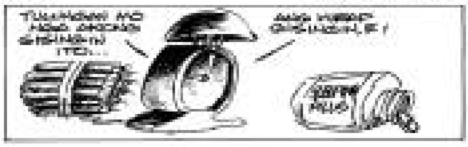






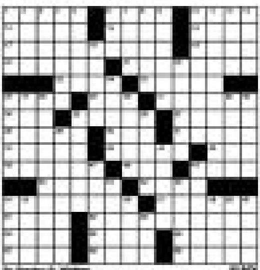


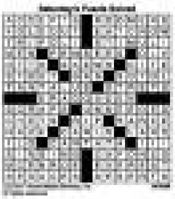






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CONCEPTIS SUDOKU

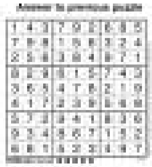
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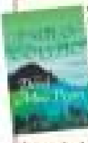
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Answer to previous puzzle

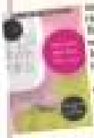


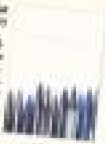
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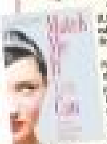




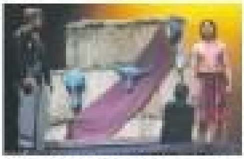








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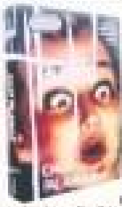
Special award

Haiku book by Rogelio Mangahas



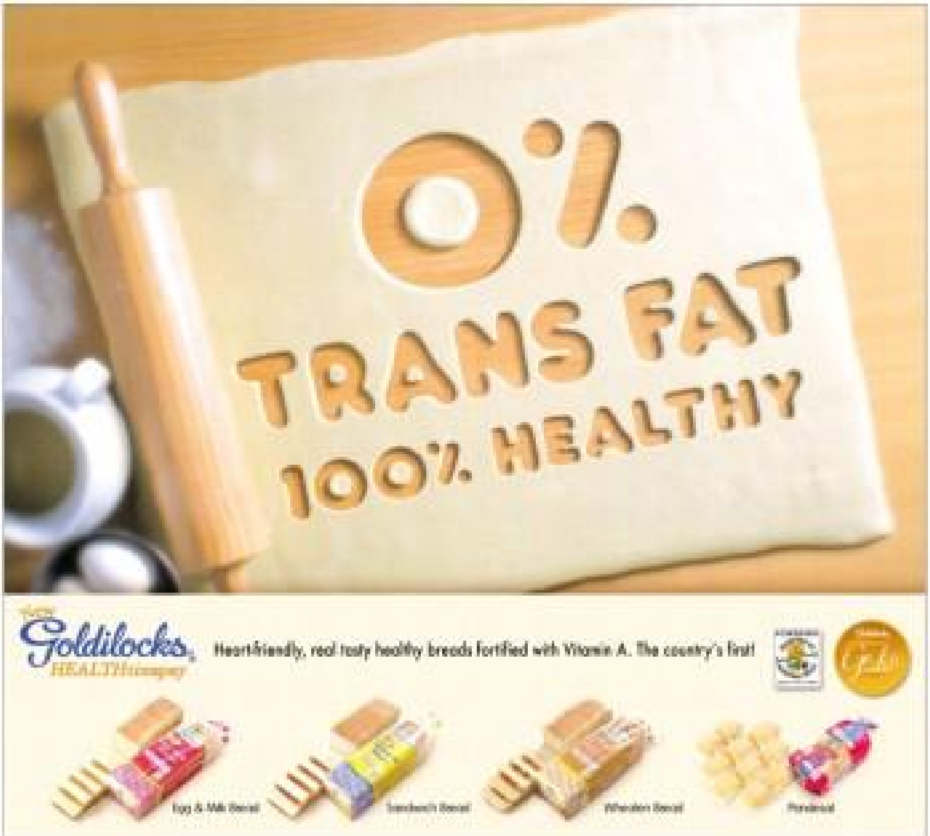


Book Club tackles Garland and Palahniuk thrillers



Focus on Don DeLillo





ENTERTAINMENT





STUNNING SEA CREATURE

Film ratings system up for revision



More young hopefuls with same dream

Grandpa's hope



Dupree is a one-man demolition crew

VIEWFINDER



Nestor U. Torre

Feedback

'Kinky Boots'

'Pedro Penduko'





Some things Mega has to do







Celebs helping kids

Expensive smoke

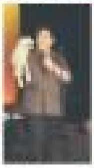
Miranda & Eleanor

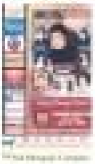
Back to the scene



Mowelfund NY benefit a wild success



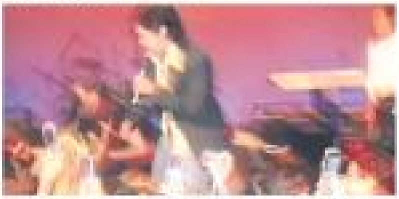




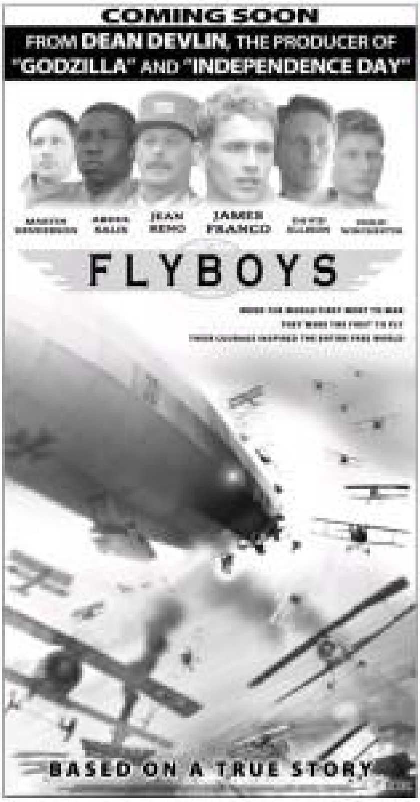
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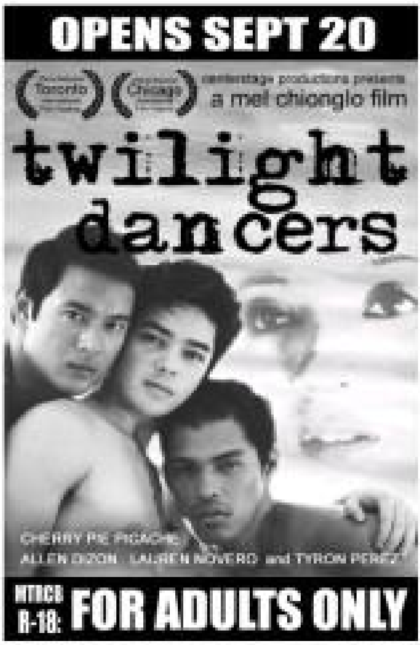
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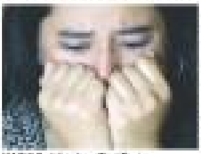


Film ratings system...









More young hopefuls . . .

Quirky dance





ENTERTAINMENT



Real-time shopping on ABC 5

A slew of hosts

What's for sale?



Spike pricks George Bush

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4 MONSTER HOUSE

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1 BINIBINING K
2 YOU ARE THE ONE
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PIONEER

1 CRANK
2 JOHN TUCKER MUST DIE
3 YOU ARE THE ONE
4 MONSTER HOUSE

STA. ROSA

1 YOU ARE THE ONE
2 STAY ALIVE
3 MONSTER HOUSE
4 SNAKES ON A PLANE

LIPA

1 MIAMI VICE
2 YOU ARE THE ONE
3 MONSTER HOUSE
4 BINIBINING K

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1 THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA
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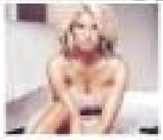
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SPIN CITY



"THE SILVER Series" (left); and Jessica Simpson (right)



Under the sea

IN OCTOBER, GMA 7 brings televiewers to the very heart of the ocean—to Atlantika, a storied underwater domain inhabited by creatures that look very much like their human counterparts, except for their webbed hands and ears.

The cast is comprised of young stars Dingdong Dantes, Iza Calzado, Paolo Contis, Karylle, Isabel Oli, and Valerie Concepcion. Add to this a powerhouse support cast—Celia Rodriguez, Jean Garcia, Cherry Pie Picache, Gardo Versoza, Ariel Rivera, Jay Manalo, Ronnie Lazaro and Rudy Fernandez in a "very special" role.

Mark Flores and Bill Dantis designed dozens of elaborate outfits for "Atlantika," GMA 7's "grandest and biggest production to date," according to network execs.







